

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM #5 – SUPERNOVA TRANSIT & TDM PLAN

ISSUE: Update on the SuperNoVA Transit & TDM Plan

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission receive an update on the current status of the planning effort.

DISCUSSION: The Commonwealth of Virginia has embarked on the Super NoVa Transit and Transportation Demand Management Vision Plan. The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT)-defined super region for this planning effort encompasses all of the localities comprising Northern Virginia and the localities extending from Northern Virginia to Caroline County to the south, Culpeper County to the west and Frederick County to the northwest. It also includes an effort in coordination with Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

The Vision Plan is evaluating current transit service and transportation demand management (TDM) programs; existing and future land use, population, and employment conditions; travel patterns and trends; and projected travel demand as a basis for the development of a multi-horizon vision for transit and TDM in the super region. The multi-horizon vision plan will focus on the near-, mid- and long-term periods between today and 2040. It will identify a wide range of transit mode and transportation program enhancements for:

- Local, express, rapid, and priority bus;
- Fixed guideway transit-Streetcar, light rail transit, heavy rail transit, commuter rail, and intercity passenger rail; and
- Transportation demand management

The Vision Plan recognizes the connection between land use and transportation, today and into the future. The goal of the Vision Plan is to identify realistic, visionary strategies for enhancing people's mobility through non-single occupant auto means under existing and future conditions. Planning efforts of the study will culminate in the development of recommendations for a wide

range of transit modes as well as transportation demand management programs and infrastructure.

NEXT STEPS: DRPT plans to complete the study by the end of 2012. Staff will update the Transportation Commission later in the year after the study recommendations have been finalized.